

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application

Inventor(s): DeOrnellas, et al.  
SC/Serial No.: 09/692,007  
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Title: METHOD FOR USING A HARD MASK FOR CRITICAL DIMENSION GROWTH CONTAINMENT

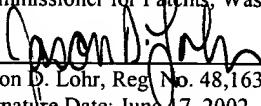
**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

In the Final Office Action dated January 29, 2002, and further in the Advisory Action dated May 31, 2002, a shortened period for response was set to expire on April 29, 2002. Applicants have obtained a one-month extension of this period for response, which is set to expire on May 29, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for a further extension of time for responding to the Office Action up to and including June 29.

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<u>✓</u>	\$145.00      Second
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TOTAL PETITION FEE \$ 145.00

The TOTAL PETITION FEE is included with the payment of other papers filed together with this petition.

The other papers enclosed or associated with this communication include:

✓ A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith.  
✓ "Small Entity" status for this application has previously been established.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 06-1325. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 6/17/02

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